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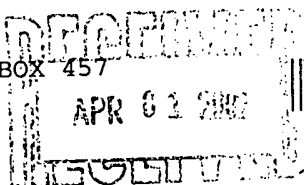
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James L. Gaddy, Edgar C. Clausen  
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☐ yes ☒ no

3. Nature of Conveyance:

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☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name  
☐ Other

Effective Date: 4/9/01, 4/9/01  
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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Bioengineering Resources, Inc  
Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: 1650 Emmaus Road

City: Fayetteville State: Arkansas Zip: 72701

Name: Celanese International Corporation  
Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, James L. Gaddy, Edgar C. Clausen, Ching-Whan Ko, Leslie E. Wade, and Carl V. Wikstrom, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS, have invented and are the owners of an invention entitled MICROBIAL PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF ACETIC ACID AS WELL AS SOLVENT FOR ITS EXTRACTION FROM THE FERMENTATION BROTH said invention being fully set forth and described in the application for Letters Patent of the United States which has been prepared in connection with said invention, and which has been filed on March 7, 2001 and given Application Number 09/786,544.

WHEREAS, Bioengineering Resources, Inc., an Arkansas corporation engaged in business at 1650 Emmaus Road, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701; and Celanese International Corporation, a Delaware corporation engaged in business at 1601 West LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75234, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEES, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS IS TO WITNESS that in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) paid to ASSIGNORS by ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNORS have sold, assigned and set over, and hereby do sell, assign and set over, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for, to and within the United States and all foreign countries, in and to the aforesaid invention and in and to any application for Letters Patent which ASSIGNEE at its expense may cause to be filed in the United States, under an international treaty, or in any foreign country, and in any United States or foreign patent which may be granted on said invention, including any extensions, divisions, reissues, continuations or continuations-in-part.

And ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as the owner of all right, title and interest therein.

And for said consideration, it is hereby covenanted and agreed that at the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, ASSIGNORS will execute any further papers and do such other acts and things as may be necessary and proper to procure Letters Patent for said invention in the United States and in such foreign countries as ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns may elect, and vest the full title thereto in ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed on the dates indicated below.

Date 4/9/01

James L. Gaddy (SEAL)  
James L. Gaddy

Date 4/9/01

Edgar C. Clausen (SEAL)  
Edgar C. Clausen

Date Apr. / 9 2001

Ching-Whan Ko (SEAL)  
Ching-Whan Ko

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Leslie E. Wade (SEAL)

Date April 9, 2001

Carl V. Wikstrom (SEAL)  
Carl V. Wikstrom

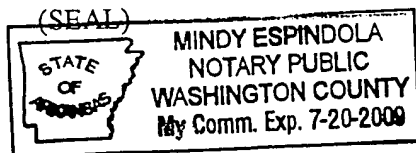
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State of \_\_\_\_\_

: ss.:

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, in and for the county aforesaid, on this 9 day of April 2001, personally appeared James L. Gaddy to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged the execution of the same as a free act and deed and desired the same to be recorded as such.



Mindy Espindola  
Notary Public

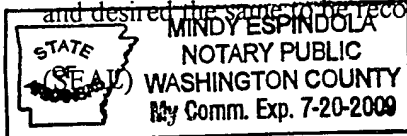
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Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, in and for the county aforesaid, on this 9 day of April 2001, personally appeared Edgar C. Clausen to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged the execution of the same as a free act and deed and desired the same to be recorded as such.



Mindy Espindola  
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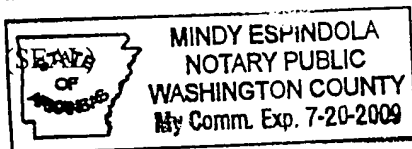
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Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, in and for the county aforesaid, on this 9 day of April 2001, personally appeared Ching-Whan Ko to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged the execution of the same as a free act and deed and desired the same to be recorded as such.



Mindy Espindola  
Notary Public

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Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, in and for the county aforesaid, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2001, personally appeared Leslie E. Wade to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged the execution of the same as a free act and deed and desired the same to be recorded as such.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, in and for the county aforesaid, on this 9 day of April 2001, personally appeared Carl V. Wikstrom to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged the execution of the same as a free act and deed and desired the same to be recorded as such.

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